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in·fer  [in-fur] Pronunciation Key - Show IPA Pronunciation
verb, -ferred, -fer·ring.

-*verb (used with object)*

1. to derive by reasoning; conclude or judge from premises or evidence: *They inferred his displeasure from his cool tone of voice.*
2. (of facts, circumstances, statements, etc.) to indicate or involve as a conclusion; lead to.
3. to guess; speculate; surmise.
4. to hint; imply; suggest.

-*verb (used without object)*

5. to draw a conclusion, as by reasoning.

[Origin: 1520-30; < L *inferre*, equiv. to *in-* IN-² + *ferre* to bring, carry, BEAR¹]

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